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March 14, 2005 Amherst MRC Updates

- **MRC Badge Update**

As of this week, our Badges are in the final stages of development and will be printed any day. Amherst MRC Badges will be available in April. Time is being donated by Amherst College. Our group will be given a 2-week time slot in April during which we each need to have a photo taken by Theresa in Valentine Hall (on Route 9) ID Office during business hours 8-4. I will be sure to send you directions in advance.

- **Disaster Behavioral Health Protocol Project**

Please let Kate know if you are willing to help brainstorm and create a set of MRC plans/standard operating guidelines for disaster behavioral health. This would require a few meetings this spring to outline and create a set of plans for our MRC's role in a local emergency.

- **2005 National MRC Conference**

Please submit any comments or quotes to Kate via email regarding the November 2005 Dispensing Site Functional Exercise. (A presentation that Kate, Josh, and our colleagues at the Easthampton MRC submitted to the national MRC conference has been accepted. The title of the presentation is "A Case Review: The Role of a Local MRC in a Regional Emergency Dispensation Site Functional Exercise" and will be given at the April 2005 conference in San Francisco. An outline is on the back of this sheet.)

- **Public Access Defib Project**

A task force of concerned staff from the Senior Center, Health Department, Leisure Services and Supplemental Education Department (LSSE), and Amherst Fire Department has recruited willing staff to become trained in the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and to maintain AED units in the two buildings. This group has identified both the Bangs Community Center and Amherst Town Hall as ideal locations for Automated External Defibrillators, or AEDs. ***SEE ATTACHED DRAFT SUPPORT LETTER--If you have ideas about folks or organizations in the community to whom this letter could be sent or are willing to help with this community project, please let Kate know ASAP.**

- **Dawn Josefski's contact information**

Dawn Josefski, instructor of the February 28 training, would be glad to hear from you with any questions regarding her presentation. She can be reached at dawn@josefski.com

- **MRC 2005 Program Surveys**

One again, a reminder that if you have not completed a survey please do! (See or email Kate about getting a blank one.) These have been extremely helpful for 2005 planning.

Thank you to Keith Carlson! (RN and MRC member)

A special thanks to Keith who put me in touch with Diana Bella of CCSS, one of this evening's speakers! Keith is also a volunteer with CCSS and helped to develop the idea for the panel.

NEXT MRC MEETING & TRAINING:

6:30pm April 25, 2005 Bangs Center - South Meeting Room

Topic: Family Preparedness

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